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IN THE CLAIMS

1-23. (Canceled)

24. (New) A video data distributing system, comprising:
a plurality of video servers, each storing video data;
a controller connected with the plurality of video
servers and a plurality of terminals via a network, wherein
each of the terminals is arranged to send a video data
request, including a first video data identifier for uniquely
identifying the video data, to the controller;

wherein the controller includes storing means and control
means, and the storing means is arranged to store:

a video data information table including the first
video data identifier, a video server identifier, and a
second video data identifier, linked with one another,
the video server identifier identifying one of the video
servers having the video data identified with the first
video data identifier and used for accessing the video
server, and the second video identifier identifying the
video data in the video server and indicating a location
of the video data in the video server, and

a video server information table including a
terminal identifier identifying a terminal and the video

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server identifier of the video server having the video data to be distributed to the terminal, linked with each other;

wherein the controller, upon receiving the video data request, obtains the video server identifier corresponding to the terminal identifier of the terminal originating the video data request from the video server information table, extracts the second video data identifier from the video data information table using the obtained video server identifier and the first video data identifier in the video data request, and sends the video server identifier and the second video identifier to the terminal originating the video data request; and

wherein the terminal originating the video data request accesses the video server with the received video server identifier, and obtains the video data from the video server using the received second video identifier.

25. (New) A video data distributing system according to Claim 24,

wherein the first video data identifier is a serial number.

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26. (New) A video data distributing system according to Claim 24, wherein the first video data identifier is a unique video name.

27. (New) A video data distributing system according to Claim 26, wherein said second video data identifier is a file name in the video server.

28. (New) A video data distributing system according to Claim 24, wherein the video server identifier includes a URL of the video server.

29. (New) A video data distributing system according to Claim 24, wherein the video server identifier and the second video data identifier constitute at least a part of a URL.

30. (New) A video data distributing system according to Claim 29, wherein the terminal identifier is at least a part of an IP address of the terminal originating the video data request.

31. (New) A video data distributing system according to Claim 24,

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wherein the video data information table further includes transmission information of each video data, and

wherein the controller sends the transmission information to the terminal originating the video data request with the video server identifier and the second video data identifier, such that the terminal originating the video data request can select a program to receive and reproduce the video data sent from the video server in accordance with the transmission information.

32. (New) A video data distributing system according to Claim 31, wherein the transmission information includes information on a network protocol used for sending and receiving the video data.

33. (New) A video data distributing system according to Claim 31, wherein the transmission information includes information on a file format of the video data.

34. (New) A video data distributing method performed in a system including a plurality of video servers, a plurality of terminals, and a web server connected with the plurality of

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video servers and terminals via a network, the method comprising the steps of:

preparing, in the web server, a video data information table including a first video data identifier for uniquely identifying video data, a video server identifier, and a second video data identifier, linked with one another, the video server identifier identifying one of the video servers having video data identified with the first video data identifier and used for accessing the video server, and the second video identifier identifying the video data in the video server and indicating a location of the video data in the video server;

preparing, in the web server, a video server information table including a terminal identifier identifying a terminal and the video server identifier of the video server having the video data to be distributed to the terminal, linked with each other;

sending a video data request including the first video data identifier from one of the plurality of terminals to the web server;

obtaining, in the web server, the video server identifier corresponding to the terminal identifier of the terminal originating the video data request from the video server

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information table, and extracting the second video data identifier from the video data information table using the obtained video server identifier and the first video data identifier in the video data request, to send the video server identifier and the second video identifier to the terminal originating the video data request, and

accessing, by the terminal originating the video data request, the video server with the received video server identifier, and obtaining the video data from the video server using the received second video identifier for reproduction.